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**BRIEFING NOTES**

**9 JUNE 1953**

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### The Italian Elections

1. If De Gasperi's center coalition scores a victory at all, it will have only a paper thin majority in the Senate.
  - a. Thus its future must be classed as uncertain.
2. As of the time I left my office, the coalition had a 50.1 percent majority in the Senate vote.
  - a. The vote for the more important Chamber of Deputies, which follows, will probably carry out the same pattern.
3. The returns are still incomplete, but it would be foolhardy to see in them any grounds for optimism.
4. Nearly 28,500,000 Italians voted.
  - a. This represents a record-breaking participation of almost 94 percent of those eligible.
  - b. Only about 26,000,000 of these qualify for the Senate election.

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5. At latest count 21,389,050 ballots, or about four fifths, had been counted.
6. The results show that as of the moment, the Communists and leftwing Nenni Socialists are holding their own, or perhaps slightly bettering their position.
  - a. In the 1951-52 local elections, they polled 35 percent, as against 31 percent in the 1948 national elections.
7. The Monarchists and Neo-Fascists are definitely showing increased strength.
  - a. This strength has been won at the expense of De Gasperi.
  - b. They polled 12 percent in 1951-52, and five percent in 1948.
8. There have been protests that the Interior Ministry has been holding back results.
9. If the present trend is maintained, the probable parliamentary result will be:
  - a. An easy working majority for De Gasperi in the Chamber, thanks to an unusual

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election law which gives a bonus to any bloc with a majority, and would assure him of 64.5 percent of the seats.

- b. A virtual stalemate in the Senate, whose seating closely reflects the popular vote.
10. De Gasperi needs firm control of the Senate to govern effectively.
- a. He has two prospects of making a deal to secure it:
    - 1. Alliance with the Monarchists, as favored by some of his Christian Democrats, which would alienate much of his present support, and might cost him more votes than he would gain.
    - 2. Alliance with the Nenni Socialists. Nenni, who has been playing ball with the Communists, has already made several overtures to De Gasperi. This would lose much rightwing Christian Socialist support, and might antagonize

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the powerful Catholic Action.

11. It should be underlined that both these prospective partners oppose cooperation with NATO and EDC, to which the present 25X1X6 government is committed.

